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Apparatus and Method for Passing Private Demographic Information

Between Hyperlink Destinations

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 8 116 **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Date: October 21, 1997

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Box AF Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated September 24, 1997, from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the period for response expires December 24, 1997. Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

(Twice Amended) A method of passing demographic information between computers, said method comprising the steps of:

accessing, in response to a hyperlink transfer request generated by a computer operator at an end-user computer, a remote site information repository to identify a remote site destination address;

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